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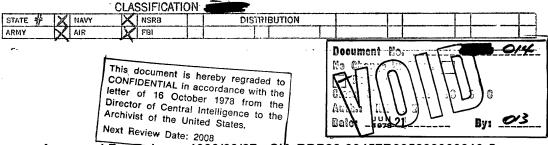
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a group of high officers of the Ethiopian Imperial 25X1X<sup>1</sup>° Guard, probably led by the Commanding General, Brigadier Mulugueta Bullis, and assisted by several high Government officials, is planning a revolution against the present Ethiopian Government and Imperial Family. \* The revolution is scheduled to occur "after the rains" this year. \*\*

- 2. According to this plot, the Emperor and the Empress will be deposed and forced to live outside the country; the Duke of Harrar likewise will be expelled. The Minister of the Pen, Wolde Giorgis, the Minister of Finance, Makonnen Hapte Wold, and several Palace officials will be killed, but no violence against members of the Imperial Family is contemplated.
- The Crown Prince will be installed as Emperor and a new government will be formed from officials chosen by the revolutionary group. 25X1X the Crown Prince has been chosen because of his modest way of life and because he has not indulged in private commercial activities nor shown himself to be greedy in the conduct of his official duties.
  - The revolutionary group is very much dissatisfied with the present American advisers in the various Ethiopian Ministries and the State Bank of Ethiopia, informant asserts, and is confident that the Americans (sic) will not give Ethiopia a loan.
  - Comment. According to local rumor, Brigadier Mulugueta Bulli 25X1A soon will be appointed Ethiorian Minister of War. 25X1X attached to the Imperial Guard expect that Bulli will be replaced as Commanding Officer of the Imperial Guard, either by Colonel Igesu Tamrat or Lieutenant Colonel Mangistu Neway.

Comment. There have been rumors of dissatisfaction among Government officials during the last six months, and it has been 25X1A apparent for the past year that Brigadier Bulli's power has been increasing steadily at the expense of that of Wolde Giorgis.

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Bulli is violently anti-British and anti-American. Since 1946 there have been some three thwarted plots against the Imperial Family and the Government; however, if the present plot actually orginates with the Imperial Guard it probably will succeed, as the Army and Police are completely outclassed by the Guard as a fighting force,

25X1A Comment. The rainy season usually ends between 15 October 25X1A